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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Estates and Trusts - Lawful Investments - Corporate Fiduciaries -**  
3                                   **Closed-End Investment Companies**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a corporate fiduciary to invest in securities of, or  
5 interests in, certain closed-end investment companies or investment trusts  
6 registered under the federal Investment Company Act of 1940; and generally  
7 relating to lawful investments for fiduciaries.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Estates and Trusts  
10 Section 15-106  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15                                   **Article - Estates and Trusts**

16 15-106.

17 (a) The following investments shall be lawful investments for any person:

18                   (1) Debentures issued by federal intermediate credit banks or by banks  
19 for cooperatives;

20                   (2) Bonds issued by federal land banks or by the Federal Home Loan  
21 Bank Board;

1 (3) Mortgages, bonds, or notes secured by a mortgage or deed of trust, or  
2 debentures issued by the Federal Housing Administration;

3 (4) Obligations of national mortgage associations;

4 (5) Shares, free-share accounts, certificates of deposit, or investment  
5 certificates of any insured financial institution, as defined in § 13-301(h) of this  
6 article;

7 (6) Bonds or other obligations issued by a housing authority pursuant to  
8 the provisions of Article 44A of the Code, or issued by any public housing authority or  
9 agency in the United States, when such bonds or other obligations are secured by a  
10 pledge of annual contributions to be paid by the United States or any agency of the  
11 United States;

12 (7) Obligations issued or guaranteed by the International Bank for  
13 Reconstruction and Development;

14 (8) Obligations issued or guaranteed by the African Development Bank;

15 (9) Obligations issued or guaranteed by the International Finance  
16 Corporation; or

17 (10) United States government obligations, whether invested in directly,  
18 or in the form of securities of, or other interests in, any open-end or closed-end  
19 management type investment company or investment trust registered under the  
20 provisions of the federal Investment Company Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. § 80a-1 et seq.,  
21 if:

22 (i) The portfolio of the open-end or closed-end management type  
23 investment company or investment trust is limited to direct obligations of the United  
24 States government and to repurchase agreements fully collateralized by United  
25 States government obligations; and

26 (ii) The open-end or closed-end management type investment  
27 company or investment trust takes delivery of that collateral, either directly or  
28 through an authorized custodian.

29 (b) (1) In this subsection, "affiliate" has the meaning stated in 12 U.S.C. §  
30 1841.

31 (2) A trust company in its fiduciary capacity may deposit in the trust  
32 company or in a financial institution that is an affiliate of the trust company funds  
33 awaiting investment or distribution unless the agreement or instrument that gives  
34 the trust company investment authority provides to the contrary.

35 (3) A trust company in its fiduciary capacity may purchase bonds of the  
36 State or of any political subdivision of the State underwritten in whole or in part by  
37 the trust company or a financial institution that is an affiliate of the trust company

1 unless the agreement or instrument that gives the trust company investment  
2 authority provides to the contrary.

3 (c) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, a  
4 corporate fiduciary may invest and reinvest fiduciary funds and other funds over  
5 which the corporate fiduciary has investment discretion in securities of, or other  
6 interests in, a no-load open-end OR CLOSED-END management type investment  
7 company[,] or investment trust registered under the provisions of the federal  
8 Investment Company Act of 1940 that does not impose a contingent deferred sales  
9 charge or distribution charge on that investment or reinvestment.

10 (2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection apply even if the  
11 corporate fiduciary or an affiliate of the corporate fiduciary provides services as  
12 investment adviser or manager, sponsor, distributor, custodian, transfer agent,  
13 registrar, or similar related services to the investment company or investment trust  
14 and receives reasonable compensation for those services if:

15 (i) The investment is authorized by the agreement or instrument  
16 that gives the corporate fiduciary investment authority, or by court order; or

17 (ii) The corporate fiduciary discloses to its principal or, if the assets  
18 are held in trust, to any current income beneficiaries of the trust:

19 1. The services provided by the corporate fiduciary or its  
20 affiliate to the investment company or investment trust; and

21 2. The rate, formula, or other method by which compensation  
22 paid to the corporate fiduciary or its affiliate is determined.

23 (d) Any person holding a mortgage or other lien on property may exchange it,  
24 prior or subsequent to maturity, for any other lawful investment.

25 (e) This section shall not be construed as relieving any person from any duty  
26 of exercising reasonable care in selecting securities.

27 (f) No general, local, or special law which is inconsistent with this section  
28 shall have any effect.

29 (g) This section shall not be construed to make unlawful any investment not  
30 listed in this section.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
32 October 1, 2003.

